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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form which are all the references of record in parent application No. 10/188,043. Applicant is not submitting duplicate copies of these references but requests that they be listed on the face of any patent granted on the above application. (See 37 CFR §1.98(d)). A copy of the copending application, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/691,526 (divisional of parent application No. 10/188,043), is being submitted herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following concise explanation of the foreign language documents being submitted:

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.Hei.6-79022

This reference is a publication of a counterpart Japanese patent application of U.S. Patent No.5,271,620.

2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.Hei.6-23070

This reference is a publication of a counterpart Japanese patent application of U.S. Patent No.5,386,996.

3. Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Publication No.Sho.59-22167

Fig. 1 shows a perspective exploded view of a golf club head.

4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.Hei.9-173509

An English abstract provided by EPO is provided herewith.

5. U.S. 2003/0092506 A1

This reference is a publication of the parent application (USSN 10/188,043).

6. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No.2003-79768

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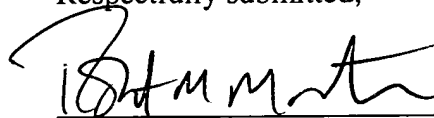
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